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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU NAMES OMBUDSPERSON FOR ISSUES RELATED TO COMBATING CONTRABAND WIRELESS DEVICES

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) names Charles Mathias as the ombudsperson to serve as the single point of contact for issues related to contraband wireless devices in correctional facilities and the deployment of technologies used to combat this vital public safety problem. Mr. Mathias will also continue serving in his current position as Associate Chief in WTB.

On March 23, 2017, the Commission adopted a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in GN Docket No. 13-111, which streamlined the process for Contraband Interdiction Systems (CISs) operators to obtain FCC authorization for their systems and sought comment on additional tools for combating contraband wireless devices. The Report and Order established an ombudsperson to serve not only as the primary Commission contact on contraband issues, but to conduct outreach and provide assistance to stakeholders in identifying required filings and resolving any other issues related to CIS implementation. The ombudsperson, in conjunction with WTB, will also maintain a webpage with a list of active CIS operators and locations where CISs have been deployed.

The ombudsperson for issues related to technologies used to combat contraband wireless devices in correctional facilities can be reached at: combatcontrabanddevices@fcc.gov or 202-418-1030.

To learn more about the FCC's Contraband Wireless Devices proceeding, visit www.fcc.gov/contraband-wireless-devices. The text of the Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is available here: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-17-25A1.pdf.

By the Acting Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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